

Indian Garden Backcountry Use Area – CIG



Bright Angel Trail passes through Indian Garden Campground, which is a beautiful riparian area filled with cottonwood trees. A small creek passes through on its way to the Colorado River. The area is home to a small deer herd and offers a wonderful place to rest out of sun. Protect yourself and the animals by following Grand Canyon's Food Storage Guidelines.

Indian Garden is 4.5 miles below the South Rim and takes about 2 hours of hiking time. The return trip from Indian Garden to the South Rim via the Bright Angel Trail takes about 4 hours. There is a small campground and ranger station. Mule trains stop to rest on their way to Plateau Point or Phantom Ranch.

Plateau Point is 1.5 miles from Indian Garden and a makes a nice day hike (from Indian Garden) with excellent panoramic views of the Colorado River. Another interesting day hike from Indian Garden is to take the Tonto Trail eastward to Pipe Spring.